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COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Matti H. Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Manager Jorge M. Gonzalez

DATE: January 08, 2009

SUBJECT: **MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND CITYWIDE PROJECTS COMMITTEE**

This shall serve as written notice that a meeting of the Finance and Citywide Projects Committee has been scheduled for January 08, 2009, at 2:30 P.M. in the City Manager's Large Conference Room.

The agenda is as follows:

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Presentation of conceptual designs for the Wing at the east end of Lincoln Road**

Bob Middaugh – Assistant City Manager

2. **Discussion Regarding Towing Permit Renewal Options.**

Saul Frances- Parking Director

3. **The Issue Of Late Payments To the City for Water, Sewer And Storm water Bills As A Result Of Mortgage Foreclosures, for A Study And Development Of Acceptable Payment Plans To Assist Condo Associations Adversely Affected.**

Discussion Item Referred by Commissioner Libbin

Finance and Citywide Projects Committee Meetings for 2009:

February 11, 2009

March 10, 2009

April 7, 2009

May 5, 2009

June 18, 2009

July 21, 2009

August 13, 2009

September 24, 2009

October 29, 2009

November 17, 2009

December 15, 2009

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Cc. Mayor and Members of the City Commission
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COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Finance and Citywide Projects Committee

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: January 8, 2009

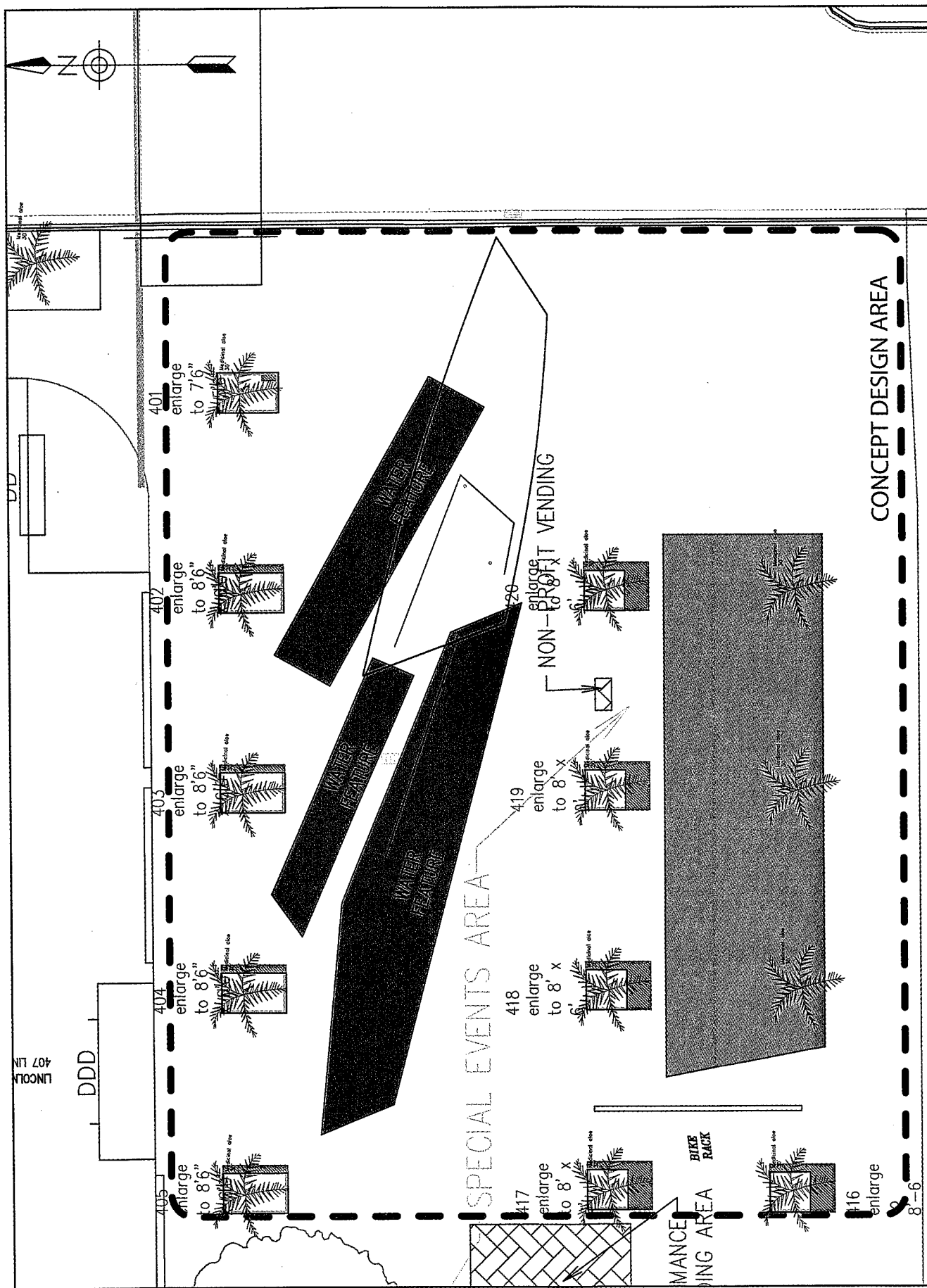
SUBJECT: **DISCUSSION REGARDING 400 BLOCK OF LINCOLN ROAD CONCEPT DESIGN**

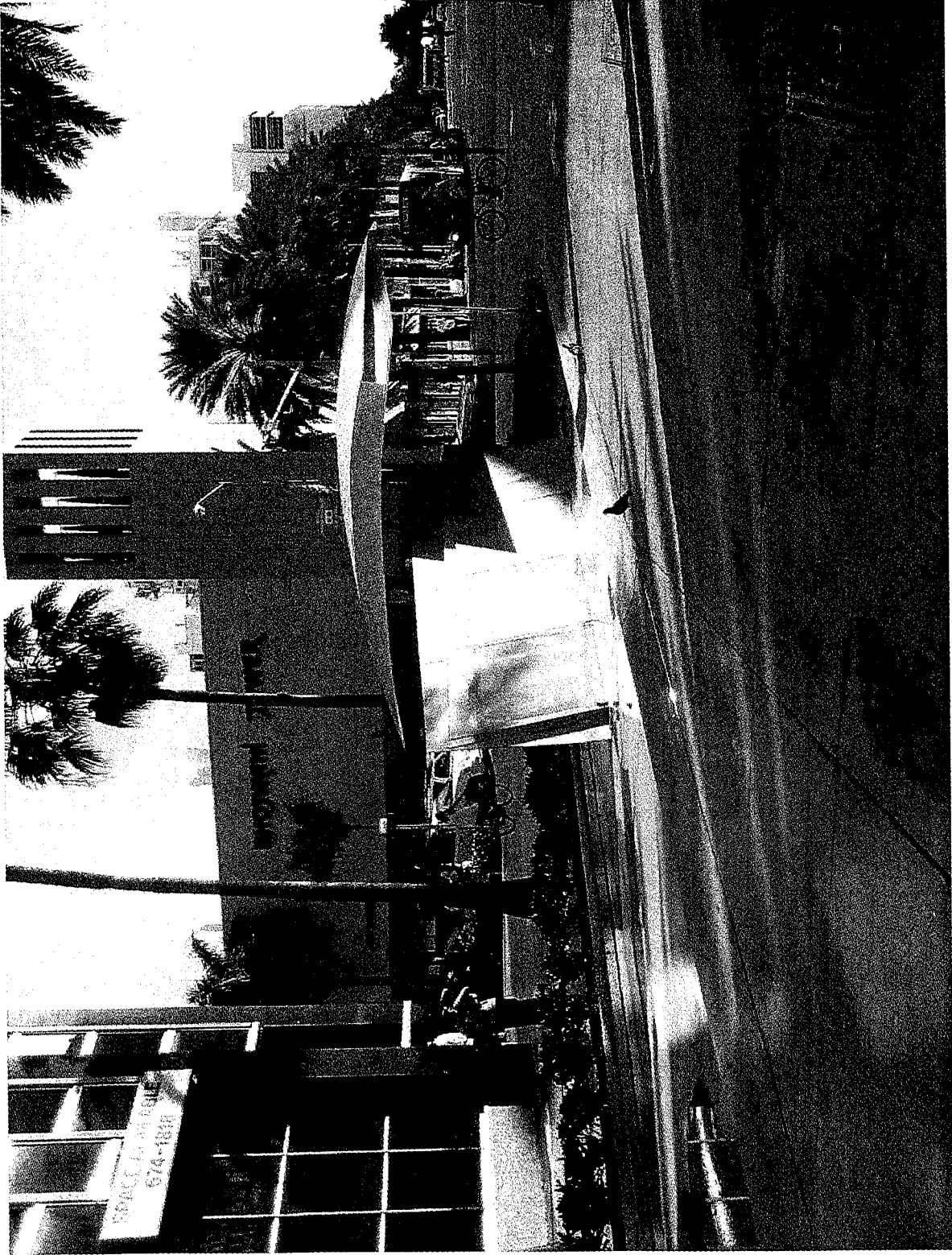
Attached please find the existing condition and the proposed design configuration for the 400 block of Lincoln Road. Also attached is the cost projection for the concept design.

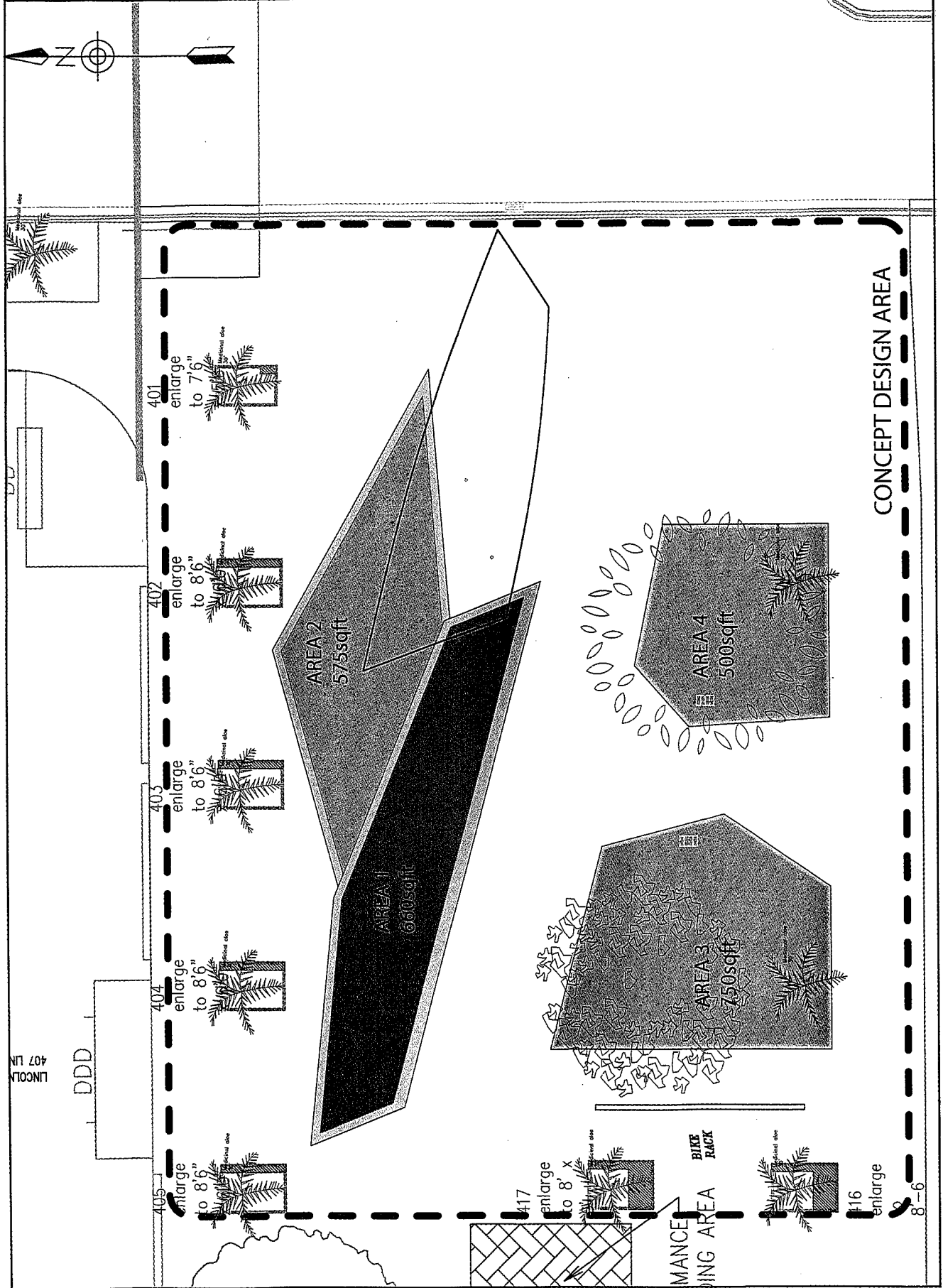
The configuration has been prepared by Amanda Cox who will be present at the Finance and Citywide Projects Committee meeting to review her design and cost estimates.


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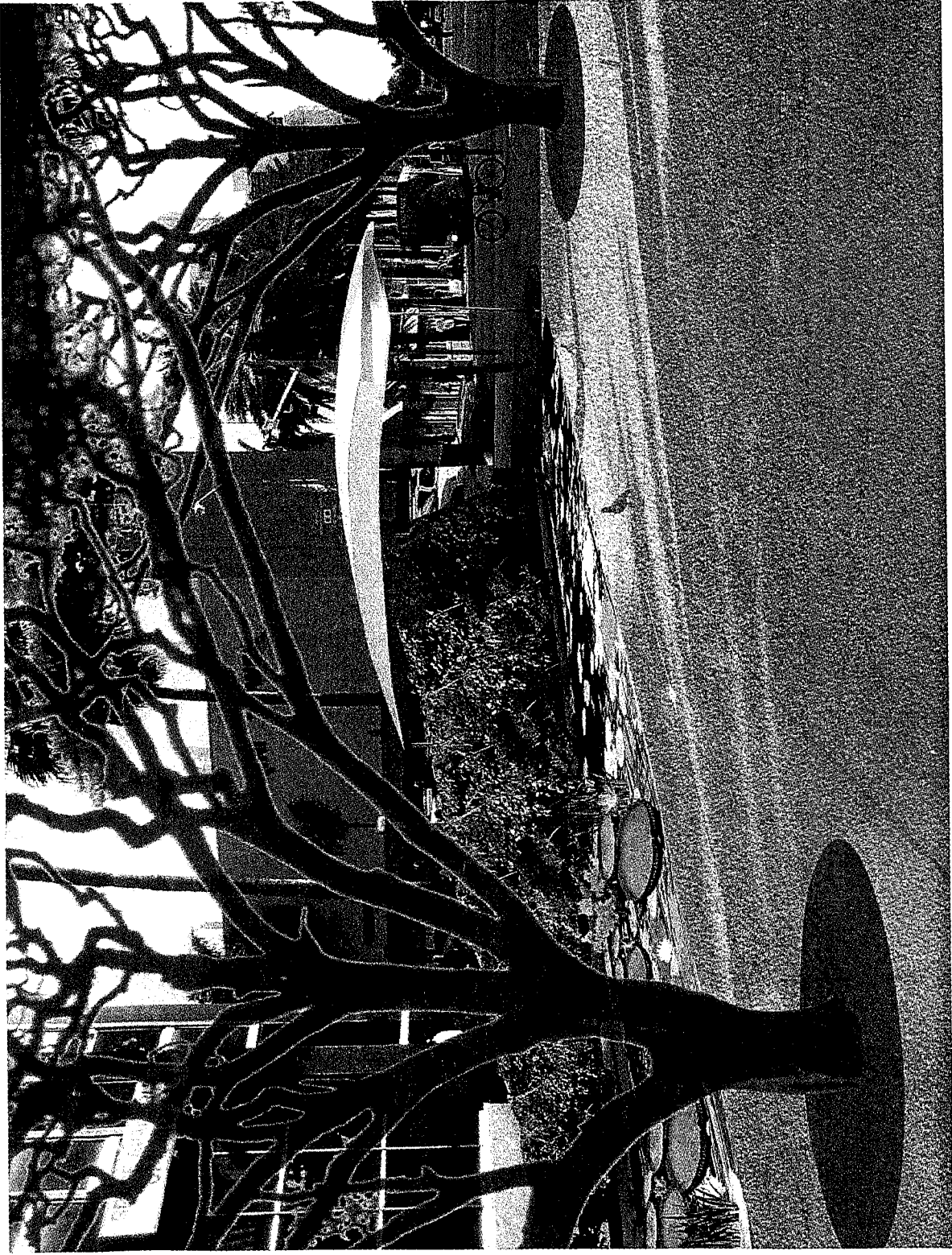
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PROPOSED DESIGN



Lincoln Road
 400 Block - Concept Design Estimate
 LARC design - 01/05/09

COMPANY:					Fantastic Fountains	
LANDSCAPE						
TREES - canopy trees @ 20-25'				\$10,000		
TREE RELOCATION				\$36,000		
WATER FEATURE				16000		
				\$78,000	\$9,800	Shop Drawings - negotiable
					\$43,464	Equipment
					\$73,860	Structure and Waterproofing
					\$47,000	Labor and General Conditions
					\$6,950	Lighting
					\$181,074	TOTAL
HARDSCAPE - pavers				\$12,000		
MISC.				\$15,000		
Greenwall				\$21,000		
Greenscreen				\$6,000		
TOTAL				\$167,000		

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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Finance and Citywide Projects Committee

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: January 8, 2009

SUBJECT: **REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND CITYWIDE PROJECTS COMMITTEE - DISCUSSION REGARDING TOWING PERMIT EXTENSION**

At the December 10, 2008 City Commission Meeting, the Mayor and Commission referred a discussion item regarding the towing permit extension. The City has issued a towing service permit to both Beach Towing Services and Tremont Towing Services for public property (City) tows which are initiated by either the Police Department or Parking Department. Under the City's Tow Permit, only a police officer or parking enforcement specialist may initiate, approve, and carry out a tow. These tows are carried out under the auspice of a towing permit issued to each towing service provider.

The Administration is seeking input and direction from the Committee regarding each towing service providers' permit extension as their initial three year term will expire on February 28, 2009. This discussion is also timely as the Mayor and Commission have approved a joint venture project with SRC (Scott Robbins Company) to develop a parking garage with ground floor retail. The project site includes the parcels where the Tremont Towing storage site exists today. The development of this project will necessitate the relocation of the Tremont Towing site to another location.

The City Code and the existing towing permit require each towing service provider to have vehicle storage for a minimum of 100 vehicles within the confines of the city. This has been a longstanding requirement of the towing permit issued by the City (100 vehicle storage lot capacity) and the City Code (located within the confines of the City) and throughout the years has been the reasons for the waivers of competitive bidding (5/7th vote) for City related tows (Police and Parking). Historically, this has been a regulation to ensure that the retrieval of towed vehicles does not present an undue hardship to the citizenry.

Tremont Towing has suggested the following amendments to the towing permit that they believe will continue to provide convenience to towing customers by maintaining short term on-site towing storage, and, at the same time, reduce the size of tow yards to minimize impact on the surrounding neighborhoods:

- Amend Section 2 of the Towing Agreement so that towed vehicles must remain within the city limits of Miami Beach for a minimum of 48 hours, instead of seven days. This is consistent with Section 106-268 of the City Code and in line with what is needed to accommodate the vast majority of towed vehicles.
- Amend Section 2 of the Towing Agreement and City Code so that the requirement for capacity is reduced to a minimum of 40 vehicles and a maximum of 60 vehicles.
- Allow wrecked vehicles to be towed directly to a storage yard that is outside of the City limits, but within five miles of the city limits.

We are committed to providing excellent public service and safety to all who live, work, and play in our vibrant, tropical, historic community.

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The Administration is seeking input and direction regarding Tremont's suggested amendments to the existing towing permits and City Code as well as entertain other alternatives. If the FCPC wishes to amend the towing permits and/or towing regulations (City Code), it is certainly timely as both towing service permits initial term expire on February 28, 2009.

C: Mayor and Members of the City Commission
Hilda M. Fernandez, Assistant City Manager
Tim Hemstreet, Assistant City Manager
Robert C. Middaugh Jr., Assistant City Manager
Jose Smith, City Attorney
Robert Parcher, City Clerk
Dolores Mejia, Special Projects Administrator

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commisioner Jerry Libbin

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: December 10, 2008

SUBJECT: Water and Sewer Receivables for Condominium Buildings

As requested, I have attached a summary of the aged accounts receivable for water and sewer charges for condominium customers. The schedule reflects that 2.6.% of outstanding balances are over 90 days old.

The Finance Department has worked diligently, with these customers, to assist them when their payments fall behind and have offered payment arrangements to assist them. It is only after repeated past due notices have been sent without response, or payment arrangements have not been kept that an additional 3 day notice is issued before interruption of service occurs.

cc: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission
Tim Hemstreet, Assistant City Manager
Patricia D. Walker, Chief Financial Officer
Fred Beckmann, Public Works Director

City of Miami Beach
Water & Sewer Utilities Summary
As of 12/09/2008

Accounts: 10,042 active

Condos	Apt.	Hotels	Other	Total
929	1,149	167	7,797	10,042

Condo Receivables (929 Condominiums)

30 days	60 days	90 days	Over 90	Total
<u>\$997,020</u>	<u>\$192,473</u>	<u>\$50,050</u>	<u>\$32,705</u>	<u>\$1,272,248</u>
78.40%	15.10%	3.90%	2.60%	100.00%